Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- (Currently Amended) An image file for storing a digital image and information related to the digital image, including:
 - a) digital image data;
 - b) a user identifier that identifies a particular user; and
- c) <u>data representing</u> affective information which relates to the feelings or emotions of the <u>particular</u> user identified by the user identifier toward the digital image stored in the image file, wherein the affective information includes a quantitative value which is an importance rating of the digital image.
- (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 1 wherein the affective information further specifies the time or period within a range of times that the affective information was produced.

(Cancelled)

- (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 1 wherein
 the image file further includes information related to the capture device used to
 capture the digital image.
- (Original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the image data is a JPEG compressed image data.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The image file of claim 1 wherein the digital image file includes user identifiers for a plurality of <u>particular</u> users and a corresponding plurality of quantitative values, where each quantitative value is an importance rating of the digital image for the associated <u>particular</u>
- (Previously Presented) A method for providing a retrieval scheme for stored digital images, wherein each digital image is stored using a

digital image file that corresponds to the image file of claim 6, comprising the steps of:

- a) a retrieval user providing a user identifier;
- b) using the user identifier provided by the retrieval user to select, from the plurality of affective information, the particular affective information associated with the retrieval user; and
 - c) using the affective information to facilitate image retrieval.
 - (Cancelled).
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the affective information is used to determine the order of presentation of retrieved images.
- (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 1 wherein the importance rating is provided by monitoring the facial expression of the user.
- (Original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the importance rating is provided by monitoring the physiology of the user.
- (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 1 wherein the importance rating is provided by a user interface which enables the user to indicate important images.

13 - 26 (Cancelled).

27. (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 1 wherein the quantitative value is one number selected from a range of possible numbers.

(Cancelled).

- 29. (Currently Amended) A collection of image files wherein each stores a different digital image and information related to such digital images, each image file including:
 - a) digital image data;

- b) a user identifier that identifies a particular user; and
- c) <u>data representing</u> affective information which relates to the feelings or emotions of the <u>particular</u> user identified by the user identifier toward the digital image stored in the image file, wherein the affective information includes a quantitative value which is an importance rating of the digital image.
- $30. \hspace{0.2in} \hbox{(Previously Presented)} \hspace{0.2in} \hbox{The image file of claim 1,}$ wherein the image file is a JPEG 2000 image file.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 1, wherein the image file is a TIFF image file.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 1, wherein the image file is a EXIF image file.
- (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 32,
 wherein the affective information is stored using a TIFF IFD.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 33, wherein the TIFF IFD also stores the user identifier.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 34, wherein the user identifier has a personal identification code.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The image file of claim 35, wherein the personal identification code is a globally unique ID.
- 37. (New) A storage device that stores the image file of claim 1.